# SMITHS FALLS











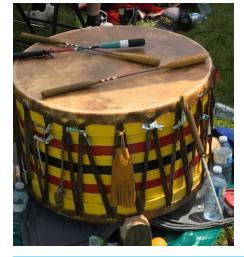


















# Welcome to Smiths Falls!

Located at the heart of the Rideau Canal, Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, Smiths Falls is a vibrant community with 9,000 residents. Incorporated in 1954 and named after Lieutenant Thomas Smyth. the Town flourished after the construction of the Rideau Canal in the 1830s. With the coming of the CP Railway the Town became a hub of rail transportation and Welcoming Newcomers related industrial growth through the following century, drawing on immigration from Ireland and Scotland and building a skilled, innovative workforce and a thriving culture and recreation scene.



# Population & Geography

Population: 8,780

Area: 9.61 km<sup>2</sup>

Density: 909.1 people per km<sup>2</sup>

Welcome Wagon meets and greets newcomers to Smiths Falls and surrounding area. Representatives provide newcomers with a letter of welcome, a large print phone book, and information about the town, including a map. A gift basket contains small gifts and gift cards from local businesses. All Welcome Wagon visits are free and there is no obligation. www.welcomewagon.ca

The Welcome Pass is administered by the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) and helps new residents to explore the town's cultural, arts, historical and recreational spaces. Passes are available from Town Hall at 77 Beckwith St. N., Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Newcomers receive complimentary or discounted entrance into cultural spaces and activities around town, valid for one year. Contact LIP at 613-283-4124 ext. 1151.

# **Getting Here**

Smiths Falls sits at the centre of a transportation hub, and several major highways run through town, seeing thousands of vehicles pass through each day.

Smiths Falls is also fortunate to be a destination and route for passenger and freight train lines. VIA Rail provides daily passenger service to and from Ottawa and Kingston, while the Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway freight trains also pass directly through Smiths Falls.

For boating traffic, the Rideau Canal offers runs throug the centre of Smiths Falls and offers a water-based mode of transportation for boats of all sizes. The Russ Beach Smiths Falls-Montague Airport, is a destination for aerial traffic and is located just outside of Smiths Falls, can accommodate small passenger planes and air delivery services.



### **Approximate Driving Times**

Ottawa: 1 hour Brockville: 45 mins.

Kingston: 1 hour Perth: 15 mins.

Toronto: 4 hours Carleton Place: 20 mins.

Montreal: 3 hours Merrickville: 15 mins.



Median commute time: 12.5 mins.



Smiths Falls is located within reasonable distance of many major airports:

- Ottawa: Ottawa International Airport (66km)
- Kingston: Norman Rogers Airport (100 km)
- Montreal: Pierre Elliot Trudeau
   International Airport (228 km) & Mirabel
   International Airport (2017 km)
- Toronto: Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (353 km) & Lester B. Pearson International Airport (357 km)
- Syracuse, New York: Hancock International Airport (231 km)

Only 25 minutes from the St. Lawrence River, Smiths Falls also provides convenient access to border crossings ad dock facilities at the Port of Prescott. Smiths Falls is also conveniently located 45 mins (Brockville) to the major highway 401.



# Living in Smiths Falls

Life in Smiths Falls is good! Our community enjoys a wide range of ages, lifestyles and interests, as well as employment and housing opportunities. In Smiths Falls we offer competitive housing costs, wages and an unbeatable location.

The housing market in Smiths Falls is booming; in 2017, approximately 181 homes were sold in Smiths Falls, and new developments are being built every year. The median house price is \$168,256. Come live in Smiths Falls!

### Family Characteristics (2016 Census)

Number of households: 4,065

Families in Private Households: 2,440

- Couple Family Households: 1,835

- Lone-parent Households: 610

One-person Households: 1520

Other Households: 205

# **Find Your Dream Home**

When looking for the home of your dreams, it's important that you talk to the right people. Smiths Falls is fortunate to have a wealth of trustworthy and reliable real estate agents from which to choose.

You can also talk to a mortgage broker or your local bank to find out what mortgage amount you qualify for before purchasing your dream home.

The Real Estate and Mortgage Broker Companies in Smiths Falls are:

- Century 21 Explorer Realty Inc.
- Dominion Lending Centres
- Evelyn Lee Realty
- Park View Realty Brokerage Inc.
- RE/MAX Affiliates Realty LTD, Brokerage
- Royal Lepage Advantage

Please visit he realtor websites for more information about your Real Estate options in Smiths Falls.

# **Senior Living**

Retire to Smiths Falls! The retirement community in Smiths Falls is an active one, and seniors gather to participate in seniors activities, all year long. Smiths Falls is a great community to enjoy life on the quieter side. Whether you are looking to live independently or in a senior residence, Smiths Falls has options for you. You can choose from an Adult Community Living, Retirement Residence or Nursing Home. Housing options for seniors in Smiths Falls include:

Chartwell Willowdale Retirement Residence 9 Armstrong Drive, 613-706-2181

Chartwell Van Horne Retirement Residence 25 Van Horne Avenue, 613-706-2183

Gallipeau Centre Adult Living Community 361 Queen Street, 613-284-9916

Broadview Nursing Home 210 Brockville Street, 613-283-1845





# **Health and Wellness**

In Smiths Falls we want you to feel your best, but our commitment to health doesn't end with the doctor's office; residents can enjoy access to health and fitness-related events, multiple fitness centres, world-class recreational trails, and a year-round, indoor walking concourse at the Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre.

An assortment of health and wellness specialists,

including chiropractors, naturopaths, massage therapists, and holistic practitioners are also available.

If you are looking for a family doctor, Smiths
Falls has medical centres that make finding a
doctor easy, and is home to a full-service hospital
offering key health care services, the Perth and
Smiths Falls District Hospital.

### Finding a Doctor

### **Cornelia Court Family Medicine**

91 Cornelia Street West, 613-283-0710

**Smiths Falls Nurse Practitioner - Led Clinic** 

52 Abbott Street, Unit 5 613-205-1025

# Smiths Falls District Community Health Centre

2 Gould Street, 613-283-1952

Health Unit - Leeds, Grenville & Lanark

25 Johnston Street, 613-283-2740

#### **Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital**

60 Cornelia Street West

613-283-2330

### **Rideau Community Health Services**

354 Read Street Merrickville, 613-269-3400

For Emergencies dial 911

# Finding a Dentist

### **Smile Sensations Independent Dental Hygiene**

34 James Street, 613-205-0555

### **Dentistry at Smiths Falls**

275 Brockville Street, 613-205-1600

### **Smiths Falls Denture Clinic**

34 Main Street East, 613-283-3856

#### Dr. McPhee

24 Main Street, 613-283-6870

#### Dr. Dixit

220 Percy Street, 613-283-6441

Health Care Connect To register call 1-800-445-1822





# **Education in Smiths Falls**

Smiths Falls offers a full range of educational options to choose from, ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 12, and with public, private and Catholic school options. The Upper Canada District School Board is located in Brockville, and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is located in Smiths Falls.

Post-secondary education options are also feasible from a Smiths Falls base. There are several colleges and university campuses located within a one-hour drive of Smiths Falls. In Perth, the Algonquin College, Perth Campus offers a full range of trade and certificate programs for students, while Wills College in Smiths Falls offers business, technology and health programming.

Smiths Falls welcomes International Students to schools, and students travel to Canada from all over the world to learn English and take part in Canadian culture.



## **Registration and Information**

# **Upper Canada District School Board of Eastern Ontario**

225 Central Avenue West Brockville, ON 613-342-0371 www.ucdsb.on.ca

# Catholic District Schoolboard of Eastern Ontario

385 Highway 29 Smiths Falls, ON 613-283-5007 www.cdesbeo.on.ca

### **Educational Institutions**

### **Elementary Schools**

Calvary Christian Academy (Private) 9749 Highway 15 613-283-5089

Chimo Elementary School 11 Ross St. 613-283-1761

Duncan J. Schoular Public School 41 McGill St. 613-283-1367

École catholique Sainte-Marguerite Bourgeoys (French; in Merrickville)
306 Read St., Merrickville
613-521-4213

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Elementary School 4 Ross St. 613-283-0220

### **Secondary Schools**

Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute 299 Percy St. Smiths Falls, ON 613-283-0288

St. John Catholic High School 2066 Scotch Line Rd. Perth, ON 613-267-4724

St. Luke Catholic High School (alternative ed.)
5 Catherine St.
Smiths Falls, ON
613-283-4477

### Post-Secondary/Continuing Education

T.R. Leger School of Adult Alternative & Continuing Education



## Close proximity to:

Algonquin College 15 minutes

Carleton University <60 minutes

University of Ottawa <60 minutes

St. Lawrence College 60 minutes

Queen's University 60 minutes

Royal Military College 60 minutes

### **Child Care Centres**

Child Care Centres provide care for children in a group setting. All child care centres are licensed under the Day Nurseries Act and are annually inspected by staff from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

Centres are licensed for a maximum number of children who are grouped together by age. There are also maximum group sizes and staff to child ratios that vary according to the age of the children. Every group must have at least one trained staff that has their Early Childhood Education Diploma or equivalent qualification. Smiths Falls has several daycare centres to choose from. The following are daycare providers in Smiths Falls:

Nursery Rhyme Day Care 11 Elmsley Street North, 613-284-0769

Rideau Child Care Centre 2 Gould Street, 613-283-3400

Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls Child Development Centre Thurber St., 613-283-2898

Beechgrove Children's Centre 29 Chambers Street

Ontario Early Years Centre 91 Cornelia Street, 613-283-0095

Children's Resources on Wheels 91 Cornelia St. W., 613-283-0095







# Recreation

Smiths Falls is a recreational paradise! As home to the Junior A hockey team, Smiths Falls Bears, Smiths Falls has one of the largest community centres in the area, with two arenas and an indoor walking concourse. Smiths Falls also has a curling and squash facility. With many parks to choose from you can either go swimming, play at the splash pad, play a game of tennis, baseball, soccer, volleyball and basketball. There's even a dog park where your best friends can run free! With so many recreational facilities in Smiths Falls you will never run out of places or games to play.



# **Municipal Recreational Facilities**

Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre
71 Cornelia St., 613-283-1265
Smiths Falls Youth Arena
71A Lansdowne St. 613-283-1265
Gerry Lowe Outdoor Arena
71 Cornelia St. W., 613-283-4124
Seniors Activity Centre
61 Cornelia St. W., 613-283-4684
Smiths Falls Curling and Squash Centre
13 Old Slys Rd., 613-283-4700

### **Indoor Recreation**

**Ball Hockey** 

Hockey and Pick Up Hockey

Figure Skating Public Skating

Curling Squash

Yoga Weight Training

Gyms

Circuit Training

HIIT Interval Training

**Cycling Classes** 

Karate

Baby Fitness Classes

**Martial Arts** 

Personal Training

**Running Groups** 

# **Outdoor Recreation**

Cycling Paths

Boating

Kayaking

Canoeing

Fishing

Swimming

Paddling

Golf

Walking/Hiking

Running

Soccer

Basketball

Football

Baseball

Volleyball

Baseball

Skating

BMX/Skateboarding

**Tennis** 

Splash Pad

Playgrounds





### On the Green

Smiths Falls is home to the Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club, offering a professionally designed course that will challenge any golfer's skills. Located only a few kilometres from Smiths Falls, this club fostered LPGA Major Champions, Brooke and Brittany Henderson!

Nearby Lombardy Glen Golf Club is another top notch local course.

Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club 125 Golf Club Rd., 613-283-3050 www.smithsfallsgolf.co

Lombardy Glen Golf Club 551 Hwy 15, 1-800-554-0285 www.lombardglen.com

# Parks and Playgrounds

If you're looking for an excuse to stretch your legs, Smiths Falls is home to a number of parks, playgrounds, and trails, many of which are located alongside the Rideau River, and offer a scenic spot to get some fresh air or for young people to be active. A splash pad, playgrounds, kilometres of trails, and even a public beach can be found in natural environments in Smiths Falls. Looking for a dog park? No problem, we have that, too!

Lower Reach Park & Splash Pad
11 Old Slys Rd.
Centennial Park
2-22 Confederation Drive
Gleeson Park Off-Leash Dog Park
25 Old Slys Rd.
Murphy Park Public Beach
Park Road





# Culture

You will find that we have a number of talented artists and performers who have called Smiths Falls home. Smiths Falls is proud to support a number of arts and culture-centred organizations. Take a tour of one of our local museums where you can learn all about Smiths Falls' lengthy and fascinating history. You can also visit the Rideau Canal Visitor Centre and learn more about how Canada's iconic waterway shaped settlement in Canada.

#### Museums:

Heritage House Museum 11 Old Slys Rd. 613-283-6311

Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario 90 William St. West 613-283-5696

Rideau Canal Visitor Centre 34 Beckwith St. S. 613-283-5170

### Theatre:

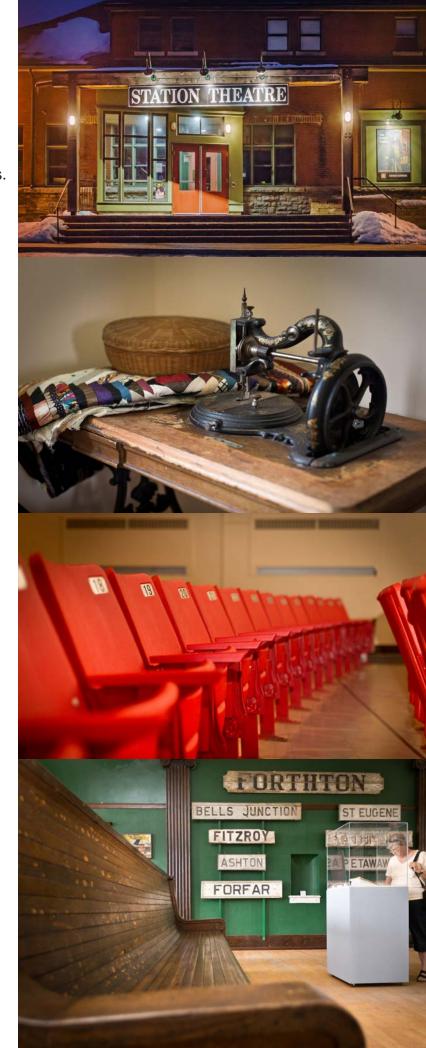
Gallipeau Centre Theatre 361 Queen St. 613-205-1493

The Station Theatre 53 Victoria Ave. 613-283-0300

### Heritage:

Heritage Walking Tour Available at local businesses and Town Hall

Smiths Falls Public Library 81 Beckwith St. N. 613-283-2911





### **TWEED**

At Canopy Growth Corporation exponential growth has framed the future of what started as a small start-up and has since grown into a multibillion dollar, TSX-listed company.

Headquartered in the town of Smiths Falls' iconic industrial building, the former Hershey Chocolate factory, Canopy Growth and its first national cannabis brand, Tweed, have established a cutting-edge business that is shaping the future of the marijuana industry in Canada and around the world.

Canopy Growth's selection of Smiths Falls as the company's headquarters was not by accident; Smiths Falls lies along a provincial highway, centrally located to Brockville, Ottawa, Kingston, Perth, Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills. The 472,000 sq. ft., 42-acre former chocolate processing facility and property had ample room for growth both indoors and outdoors. Even better, the previous owners had left behind much of their processing equipment, which Tweed has already put to good use in assisting with their own operation.

# **Business Opportunities**

The Town of Smiths Falls is committed to supporting the growth needs of existing businesses and assisting potential business investors with new initiatives. The proximity of Smiths Falls to larger centres, such as Ottawa and Kingston, and good transportation linkages make it an attractive, strategic location for business owners. Aspiring entrepreneurs wanting to establish a business in Smiths Falls will also find a good quality of life with a variety of services and amenities, a well-planned infrastructure, and a highly skilled labour force.

The Town of Smiths Falls Department of Economic Development is pleased to offer its assistance and expertise to prospective or existing businesses.



Business and technology incubators as well as social enterprises are also finding homes in re-imagined industrial space, with:

- the transformation of the former Rideau Regional Centre to the Gallipeau Centre, offering a unique mix of research-based start-ups, arts and recreation, and housing
- the redesigned County Fair Mall, community-owned and renamed the Settlers Ridge Centre, housing Smiths Falls first local Brewery
- the Meraki Collective, a co-work space in downtown Smiths Falls
- Davidson Courtyard, a former industrial bakery converted to a brick-walled courtyard housing innovative retail, vintage, design, café and patio space.

### **Business and Employment Support**

**Valley Heartland Community Futures Development** 

91 Cornelia Street, 613-283-7005

**Small Business Advisory Centre** 

91 Cornelia Street, 613-283-7002 ext. 108

**Meraki Collective** 

18 William Street West, 613-866-4087

**Smith Falls' Economic Development Department** 

77 Beckwith Street North 613-283-4124

ontrac Employment Resource Services

52 Abbott Street North, Unit 2, 613-283-6978

**Local Job Board Search** 

www.movetolanark.ca/work/job- board

**Downtown Business Association** 

77 Beckwith St. N., 613-283-4124

**Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce** 

77 Beckwith St. N., 613-283-1334



### LE BOAT

Smiths Falls is experiencing a renaissance in the tourism sector with the arrival of European luxury canal boat company Le Boat. This international corporation could have settled its North American headquarters anywhere along the Rideau Canal, but chose Smiths Falls in large part because of the advantages and exceptional services found there, including:

- central location,
- proximity to an international airport,
- historic downtown,
- excellent infrastructure and services
- vibrant recreation and culture scene

Establishing the Le Boat headquarters in Smiths Falls made sense: Smiths Falls is geographically at the heart of the Rideau Canal waterway, and is home to the Rideau Canal Visitor Centre, a Parks Canada museum focused on the histsory of the Rideau Canal.

Le Boat is only one of many corporations who have seen the benefits of being part of the Smiths Falls community, and setting up shop in a regional industrial, manufacturing, tourism, transportation and economic hub of Eastern Ontario.



